

GERMANY TO JUSTIFY TORPEDO ATTACK ON LINER LUSITANIA

ANSWER TO AMERICAN NOTE ON TRAGEDY TO COME THURSDAY

WILL AVER THAT MUNITIONS EXPLODED

REPLY WILL HOLD BOAT WOULD NOT HAVE SUNK FROM TORPEDO ALONE

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, May 18.—Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the liner, Lusitania, will be sent Thursday.

According to the Matin's Amsterdam correspondent, it will justify the torpedo attack on the steamer on the grounds that the submarine commander has affirmed in his report that only one torpedo was fired which convinced him that the second explosion was due to the fact that the ship carried munitions of war.

The report is said to state that the torpedo was fired in such a way that the Lusitania would not have sunk if she had not had explosives aboard.

The Berlin Tagliche Rundschau, commenting on the reports that the Lusitania incident has caused a "growing insight" in America, says:

"This insight probably will lead to the discovery that England really is the guilty party because it took ammunition on board a passenger steamer in contravention of the American laws."

After quoting the statute which it argues covers this point, the Tagliche Rundschau concludes:

"According to American laws, the captain of the Lusitania ought to go to prison."

De Bott says: "America can not make out a case. Germany is clearly within her rights."

FREE CONCERT TONIGHT BY BOOSTER BAND

The Booster Band under the leadership of Prof. Ryan is improving wonderfully and bids fair to be the best band in the state. Tonight the band will give a free concert at the east front of the federal building. All are urged to come out and hear this concert.

GIRLS GO WRONG

Chicago, Ill., May 18.—One year of prosperity causes 25,000 girls to become immoral, according to Dr. Albert E. Mowry, professor of social disease at the college of medicine here.

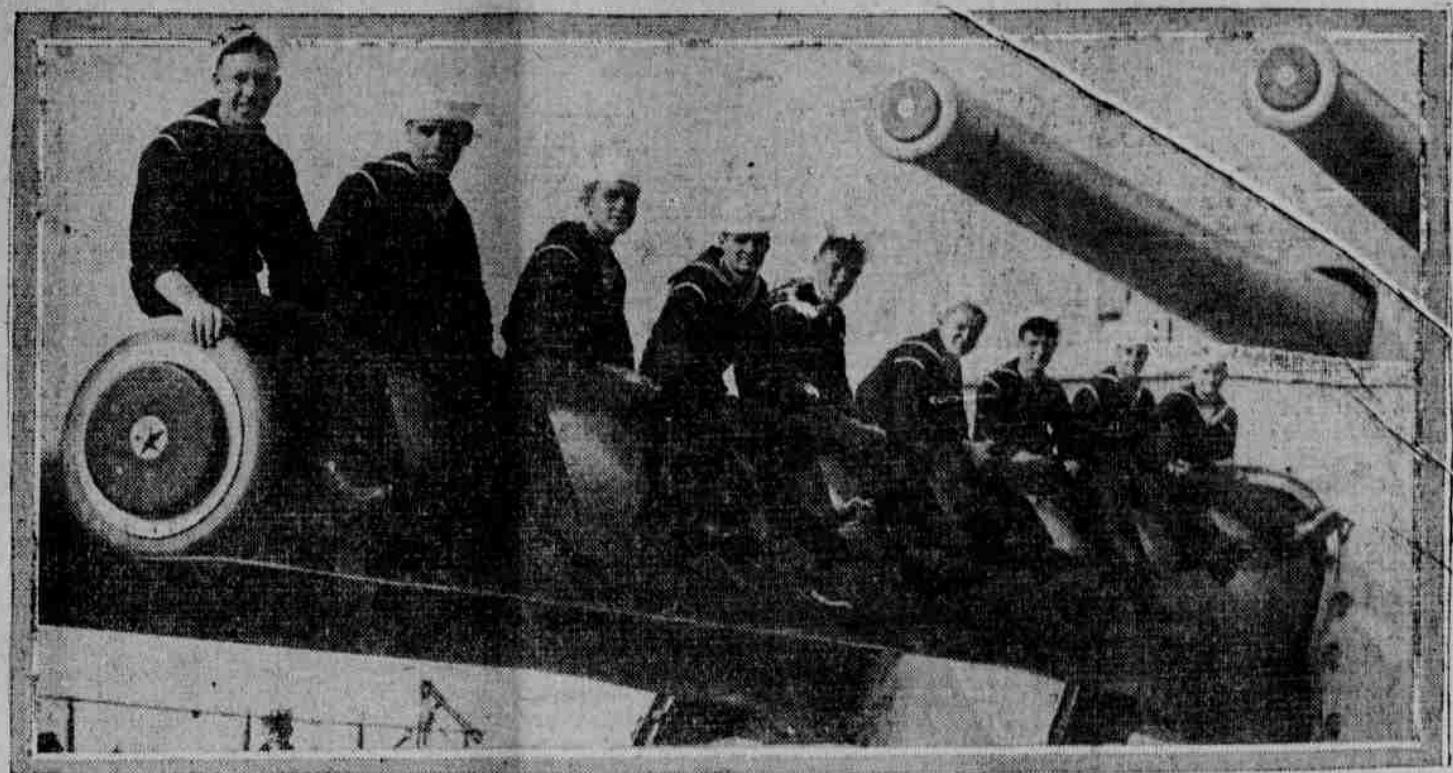
Immorality among women, he said today, has increased at the rate of 25,000 cases a year for the last twenty years, the increase being directly attributable to the prosperity of those years. Cigarettes, automobiles, dances, modern wearing apparel and jewelry are the principal contributing causes, Dr. Mowry declares.

THE WEATHER



(Copyright, by McClure Syndicate.) (By Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., May 18.—Tonight and Wednesday, rain. Moderate to strong southerly winds this afternoon and tonight, shifting to westerly on Wednesday.

"We Are Ready," Said Uncle Sam's Jackies Sitting on the Texas' 14-Inch Rifle



RUSSIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS FROM COVETED GROUND

CAPITAL OF BUKOWINA NOW IN HANDS OF MUSCOVITE WARRIORS

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 18.—Far reaching victory in Bukowina is claimed by the Russian war office, which declares that the Russians have retaken much of the territory they lost when driven out by the Austrians.

The successes of the past few days are declared to offset the Austro-German victory in Western Galicia.

It is reported that the Russians have taken Chernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, broken the Austrian resistance over a ninety mile front and captured twenty thousand prisoners.

Revolution Progressing in Trieste.

Rome, May 18.—Dispatches from Trieste today confirm the previous reports that a revolutionary move is in progress there.

The town is in a state of siege. The presence of the soldiers, however, has failed to prevent attempts at popular uprisings and demonstrations of hostility to Emperor Francis Joseph.

Victories in the west for the allies and continuation of the Austro-German drive of the Russians in the east are chronicled in the latest official reports of the various war bureaus.

Two miles of German trenches captured by the British first army in the region of Richebourg L'Avoue, (Continued on Page Eight.)

BRIDGE WORKER FALLS FROM TRESTLE

R. L. Stockton, a bridge worker, fell from a trestle, Monday afternoon near Seward. He sustained serious injuries.

ROCK ISLAND PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPS TRACK

Rock Island passenger train No. 707 from Chandler, due here at 10:10 this morning jumped the track just as it was entering the big cut at the foot of Elm street. The cars and engine stayed upright on the ties and little damage to passengers resulted. About 70 feet of ties were badly cut up by the wheels. A negro woman and her 19-year-old boy were cut up some around the face, caused by being thrown against the side of the car.

The greatest damage was done to a growing field of corn alongside the track by curious people who drove autos and wagons over the field.

CABINET CRISIS IN ENGLAND IS DODGED A SHOT NOW THREATENED FROM SUBMARINE

(By Associated Press.)

London, May 18.—What seems like a cabinet crisis has suddenly been sprung on Great Britain. There has arisen what appears to be a rupture between the civil head of the admiralty, Winston Churchill, and the Lords of the admiralty, but particularly Lord Fisher, Admiral of the fleet.

As a result, the possibility of material changes in the Cabinet is being discussed today.

Admiral Fisher has not attended the Admiralty for the last two days.

The Times in an editorial today, discussing the crisis, refers to the dissatisfaction expressed with Churchill, who is credited with assuring the responsibility of over-riding his expert advisors, "to degrees which at any time might endanger the national safety."

PRESIDENT WILSON SAILS FOR WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 18.—The Mayflower with President Wilson aboard, sailed for Washington at one thirty this afternoon after the president had reviewed the Atlantic fleet.

RAIN AND SNOW SAVES MICHIGAN FRUIT CROP

(By Associated Press.)

Grand Rapids, May 18.—Rain and a light snow during the early morning hours is believed to have saved the western Michigan fruit belt from serious damage by frost last night.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Walter R. Haight, 35, of Lorena, and Wava Dole, 25, of Guthrie, were granted license to wed today in county court.

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UNSPEAKABLE TURK IN BLOOD LUST TERRIBLE

THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT ARMENIANS BUTCHERED; TOWNS LAID WASTE

BABIES OF CHRISTIANS PUT TO THE SWORD

WOMEN OUTRAGED AND MADE SLAVES; OLD PEOPLE ARE SLAIN

London, May 18.—A story of murder and rapine never before equaled, has reached England from Asia Minor. The blood-thirsty Kurds and the unspeakable Turks have slaughtered more than 30,000 Christian Armenians and are still pursuing their deadly work, according to the dispatch received today.

Women are made captives and are forced to slavery by the Kurds and Turks, after first undergoing unprintable outrages.

Little children and old people are brutally slain. The dispatch says that babies are stuck on pitch forks and sharp stakes and held up to the view of the mothers. Old men are bayoneted and old women are drowned.

Villages, after looted are burned, and cattle and fowl taken by the marauders.

News dispatches from Persia, Armenia and Transcaucasia. In Russia, have set forth for several weeks that the position of the Armenians in Turkey as well as northwestern Persia, was one of grave danger, but no message has conveyed any indication of such extensive massacring as does this report to London. It is true, the Armenian situation has entered upon a period which threatens to rival the condition of 1895.

BOYS WHO BORROWED FORD CAR, SENTENCED

The three boys who borrowed Van Hoozer's Ford Sunday night were arraigned before Judge Chappelle in county court this morning and were each sentenced to 60 days in jail.

The Judge read the boys a lecture and suspended the jail sentences, with the proviso that the boys work on the streets under direction of Chief of Police Mitchell for not less than 30 days.

"The reason we took the Ford" said one of the boys, "was to aid a young lady in distress. We found a girl in one of the parks who had run away from a reform school; she was broke and she wanted to go to Mulhall where she said she had friends. That is the reason we took the car—it was only a Ford anyhow—added the boy.

BOYS STOLE CHICKEN BECAUSE THEY WERE HUNGRY

Ford Lottie and Jimmie Bingham, two runaway boys from Pauls Valley, were arrested by Sheriff Sherwood today on a charge made by Fred Scoville, who has a farm near Riverside school. Scoville says the boys stole a chicken from him. The little fellows admitted taking the fowl, but said they were "awfully hungry" and the man refused to give them anything to eat.

After giving them a good lecture County Attorney Swank ordered the boys discharged.

LEADER WANTS BRINGS RESULTS

COMING EVENTS
Post Office Clerks' State Association, May 31.

AUTOS ARE COMMANDEERED
(By Associated Press.)
Rome, May 18.—Automobiles of every member of the cabinet, with the exception of Premier Salandra, were commandeered today by the army.